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## OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5836

### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING FOR THE VACCINATION AND STERILIZATION OF DOGS AND CATS OWNED BY LOW INCOME PERSONS.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

This bill increases, from 10% to 20%, the amount of certain animal population control program funds that can be used for sterilizing and vaccinating dogs and cats owned by low-income people. The funds are from a surcharge on dog licenses, certain animal adoption fees for pounds' unsprayed or unneutered cats and dogs, and proceeds from commemorative "Caring for Pets" license plates.

By law, the agriculture commissioner operates the animal population control program, which, among other things, provides sterilization and vaccination benefits for dogs and cats (1) adopted from municipal pounds in Connecticut or (2) owned by low-income people.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 28 Nay 0 (03/27/2013)